

FACT SHEET

Community Care and Assisted Living Act

LICENSEE

A licensee is a person licensed to provide a care program as defined in the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*.



Who is a licensee?

A licensee is a person, an organization, a company or a partnership that has applied for and been granted a licence to operate a community care facility in BC.

What is the responsibility of a licensee?

A licensee must ensure the health, safety and well-being of children and adults being cared for in his/her facility, and comply with the requirements of the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*, the Child Care Licensing Regulation or the Residential Care Regulation.

What is compliance?

To *comply* means to obey a rule or requirement. To be in compliance with legislation, such as the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act* and Regulations, means following all the rules and requirements established by those laws. Compliance does not end with licensing; compliance is an ongoing activity.

How does an applicant or licensee work towards and maintain compliance?

Compliance begins with understanding the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act*, the Child Care Licensing Regulation or Residential Care Regulation that sets out the requirements for licensed care facilities in BC.

Applicants for licensing or licensees should work closely with licensing officers to make sure they understand what is expected and how to ensure that they meet and continue to meet all licensing requirements. Licensing officers are available to discuss issues, make site visits, and help licensees understand what needs to be done and why.



For more information

Contact the local health authority community care licensing program and speak with a licensing officer.

This information is not to be regarded as a substitute for the *Community Care and Assisted Living Act* and regulations or legal advice. If you require legal advice about the issues the issues discussed here please contact independent legal counsel.

